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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Drugs prepared at the respective drug preparation stations are put in trays corresponding to respective patients. Trays have display means as disclosed in unexamined Japanese patent publication 8-131519, that display patient ID numbers and drug types, such as tablets and powder drugs. The trays may then be delivered to a drug delivery counter on a conveyor, as disclosed in unexamined Japanese patent publication 9-51922, or simply hand-carried to the counter.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Among the printers of this system, the printer for printing instructions for "heat-sealed tablets" is placed on a table at the heat-sealed tablet preparation station, and directly connected to the control circuit, which is programmed such that the printer prints only instructions about these types of drugs.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Another problem with this system is that information provided by each printer is far from enough. For example, the system does not provide information on whether patients should be given instructions for taking the drugs. The system additionally does not display information on whether drugs for a certain patient should be divided into a plurality of batches and put into a plurality of trays. In this system, information on whether instructions should be given to patients, that is, the doctor's orders on whether it is necessary to explain to patients how to take the drugs, which is written in doctor's order sheets, is prepared besides prescriptions and put into trays. Thus, a pharmacist at the drug delivery counter has to pick up and read the order sheet in every tray to determine whether or not he or she has to explain to the respective patient, how to take the respective drug.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B5 Trays are usually stacked one on another for transportation. Thus, in order to pick up and read an order sheet in one tray, it is necessary to remove all the above trays. Order sheets in some or most trays may indicate that the customer needs instructions for taking the drugs. In any event, the pharmacist has to read all the order sheets in order to confirm that such guidance is not necessary. Delivering drugs to patients is thus time-consuming and tends to hinder smooth flow of the entire drug preparation line.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B4 In the above system, when drug preparation data is inputted into the control unit, by reading drug type codes from the data storage portion and by reading printer numbers corresponding to the respective drug type codes from the printer setting portion, drug data for respective patients is printed individually on drug preparation instruction paper by a plurality of printers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B7 As input means, a keyboard 7 and a mouse 8 are connected to the CPU 3a. A host computer 9, is also connected to the CPU, to enter prescription data through communication lines. But the host computer 9 is not an essential element. Numeral 10 indicates an infrared transmission unit through which necessary parts of the prescription data are radio-transmitted to the trays 6. Instead of infrared transmission, a contact transmission or any other wireless transmission may be used. One or a plurality of (e.g. two or three) trays 6a and 6b are used to transport drugs for one patient. The CPU transmits necessary parts of the prescription data to each tray for the one patient.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In the above arrangement, the CPU with a memory, CRT display, keyboard, mouse and file device, are all dedicated to a personal computer. Alternatively, the file device may be arranged as an independent server, connected to the CPU through a network in a server-client (CPU) relation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In S2, tray division is determined. The drug data for each patient includes drug types, dosage for each time, and the number of days for which the drugs have been prescribed. In S2, the number of trays used is determined based on this data. If the number of days is greater than a predetermined value, a plurality of trays are used for one patient.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Generally speaking, if drugs are prescribed for a large number of days, the amount of the drugs is correspondingly large. Among the drug types, "heat-sealed tablets" (ten tablets are usually packaged in each bag) are liable to drop off trays. Thus, these types of drugs should be put in extra trays that are separate from other types of drugs. It is to be understood that the term "tablets" herein used include capsules, and the term "heat-sealed" encompasses PTP (Press Through Package) packaging.